

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): IWASAKI, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH LAYERED  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 6, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof,  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title and the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE  
INVENTION", please add the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation application of application Serial No.

09/255,856, filed February 23, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein  
by reference in their entirety.--